

## BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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4	BRENDA BURNS Commissioner  APR 1 0 2013							
5	BOB BURNS DOCKETED BY							
6	Commissioner SUSAN BITTER SMITH							
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8	IN THE MATTER OF MOHAVE ELECTRIC)  DOCKET NO. E-01750A-11-0136							
9	COOPERATIVE, INC.'S APPLICATION { FOR APPROVAL OF ITS PURCHASED }							
10	POWER AND FUEL COST ADJUSTOR PLAN OF ADMINISTRATION  DECISION NO. 73835							
11	ORDER							
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13 14	Open Meeting April 9, 2013 and April 10, 2013							
15	Phoenix, Arizona							
16	BY THE COMMISSION:							
17	FINDINGS OF FACT							
	1. Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("MEC" or the "Company") is certificated to							
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19	provide electric service within portions of Arizona, pursuant to authority granted by the Arizona							
20	Corporation Commission ("Commission").							
21	INTRODUCTION							
22	2. On August 21, 2012, the Commission issued Decision No. 73352, which in part,							
23	ordered MEC to file a proposed Plan of Administration ("POA") for its Purchased Power Clause							
24	Adjustor ("PPCA") within ninety (90) days of the effective date of the Decision for Commission							
25	approval. In addition, Decision No. 73352 also required MEC to engage							
26	in informal discussions with Commission Staff within sixty (60) days of the Decision to allow							
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Staff the opportunity to provide input regarding the types of documentation that may be required in future rate cases and purchased power prudence reviews.

- 3. On October 12, 2012, MEC met with Staff at the Commission offices to review a draft of the proposed POA. Based on the discussion with Staff, MEC submitted its Purchased Power and Fuel Cost Adjustor ("PPFCA"), formerly referred to as the PPCA, POA on November 20, 2012. In compliance with Decision No. 73352, this was filed within 90 days of the effective date of the Decision.
- 4. Included in the POA filing is an overview of the Company itself, its status as a Class A member with the Arizona Electric Power Cooperative ("AEPCO"), and a history of the PPFCA and the PPFCA bank balance. The POA further defines how the PPFCA works and lists the specific Rural Utilities Services ("RUS") accounts that contain the costs allowed to be recovered through the PPFCA.
- 5. In addition to outlining the components of the PPFCA, the POA also lays out the detail in the monthly reporting requirements regarding the PPFCA bank balance and the timing of the reporting of those costs to the Commission. In an effort to minimize the impact of changes to the PPFCA on the customer, MEC self-imposed bank balance thresholds of an over/under collection of \$3,700,000. If the bank balance meets or exceeds those thresholds, MEC shall make an adjustment in the PPFCA rate within sixty (60) days following the submittal of a monthly fuel report to Staff indicating the threshold was exceeded.
- 6. As part of MEC's POA are schedules of the monthly reports that MEC will file with Staff's Compliance Section. These reports are built off the FA-1, FA-2, and FA-3 schedules developed as templates by Staff many years ago for all electric distribution cooperative purchased power reports. The FA-1, FA-2, and FA-3 schedules have been adjusted slightly based on requests from Staff made during the October 2012 meeting.
- 7. As a result of the last rate case, MEC elected to clearly define a Document Retention Policy for power purchases. This policy was filed with the POA and was one of the documents Staff was able to review in draft form in October 2012. The Document Retention

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1 provides for timely review and updating by MEC. 2

8. On March 6, 2013, MEC filed with Docket Control a revised POA. This filing was necessary after discussions between Staff and MEC led to minor changes to the originally filed POA. MEC submitted this revised POA in place of the originally filed POA.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

9. After reviewing the revised POA filed on March 6, 2013, Staff is in agreement that it complies with the requirements outlined in Decision No. 73352. Staff has recommended approval of the revised POA filed on March 6, 2013. In addition, Staff has recommended that the revised POA remain in effect until further order of the Commission.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc. is an Arizona public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV, Section 2, of the Arizona Constitution.
- 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc. and over the subject matter of the Application.
- 3. The Commission, having reviewed the application and Staff's Memorandum dated March 25, 2013, concludes that it is in the public interest to approve Mohave Electric Cooperative Inc.'s Purchased Power and Fuel Cost Adjustor Plan of Administration.

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## **ORDER**

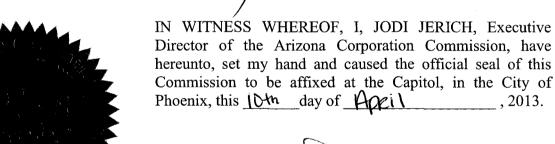
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc. revised proposed Purchased Power and Fuel Cost Adjustor Plan of Administration be and hereby is approved as discussed herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s revised Purchased Power and Fuel Cost Adjustor Plan of Administration shall remain in effect until further order of the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall become effective immediately.

BY THE ORDER OF	THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION
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